

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DirecTV, I am writing to strongly urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and Hughes, the parent company of DirecTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently cannot receive.

Although I currently have broadband access to the Internet, the combination of EchoStar and Hughes will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed alternative internet service nationwide via satellite.

Thank you very much for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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